

# Opening Of Burley Tobacco Markets Delayed

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The USDA has announced that the opening date for burley tobacco auction sales has been delayed until Nov. 29.

Burley tobacco auction sales were originally scheduled to open on Nov. 22. This date was recommended by the Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee (BTAC) on June 10 and followed a more than 30-year tradition of beginning burley tobacco auctions on the Monday prior to Thanksgiving.

The Tobacco Association of United States (TAUS) made a request to the chairperson of the BTAC, to delay the market opening until Nov. 29, add one additional sale day on Dec. 10, and recess the markets on Dec. 16 for a total of 13 sale days before the holidays. The request was made to help TAUS members overcome the problems of destruction, conta-

mination, and shutdowns caused by Hurricane Floyd and subsequent flooding. The delay would give processors an opportunity to complete flue-cured tobacco purchasing and processing.

At the request of the BTAC chairperson, USDA conducted a telephone poll of BTAC members and learned that the majority supported the TAUS request. Also, BTAC members were polled to determine if they favored delaying the official weigh-in date from Nov. 8 to Nov. 15. A majority of members did not favor delaying the official weigh-in date.

Tobacco inspection and price support services will be made available at designated auction markets beginning on Monday, Nov. 29. Sales are scheduled to resume on Jan. 10, after the holidays.

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### 1999 County Annual Banquets

Dec. 2	Armstrong	Ron Ruffner's residence, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	Beaver	Beaver Co Extension, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Franklin	Lemasters Community Center, 7 p.m.
Dec. 7	Berks	Basement of Berks Co Ag Center, 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 6	Adams	York Springs, 7 p.m.
Jan. 7	Schuylkill	Penn State Schuylkill Campus
Jan. 15	Dauphin	Old Country Buffet, Harrisburg, 10:30 a.m.

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